State of Rhode-Island &c —

The bearers hereof Benjamin Nichols & Jonathan Nichols, are Persons who have been released from on board the Prison Ship belonging to the Enemy at Newport — and are desirous of returning to Reading in the State of the Massachusetts Bay the Place of their abode. — Wherefore I do request that the good and charitable People would assist them upon their journey and afford them such assistance as their necessities may require. —

Given under my Hand at Providence this 6th Day of March A D 1778 —

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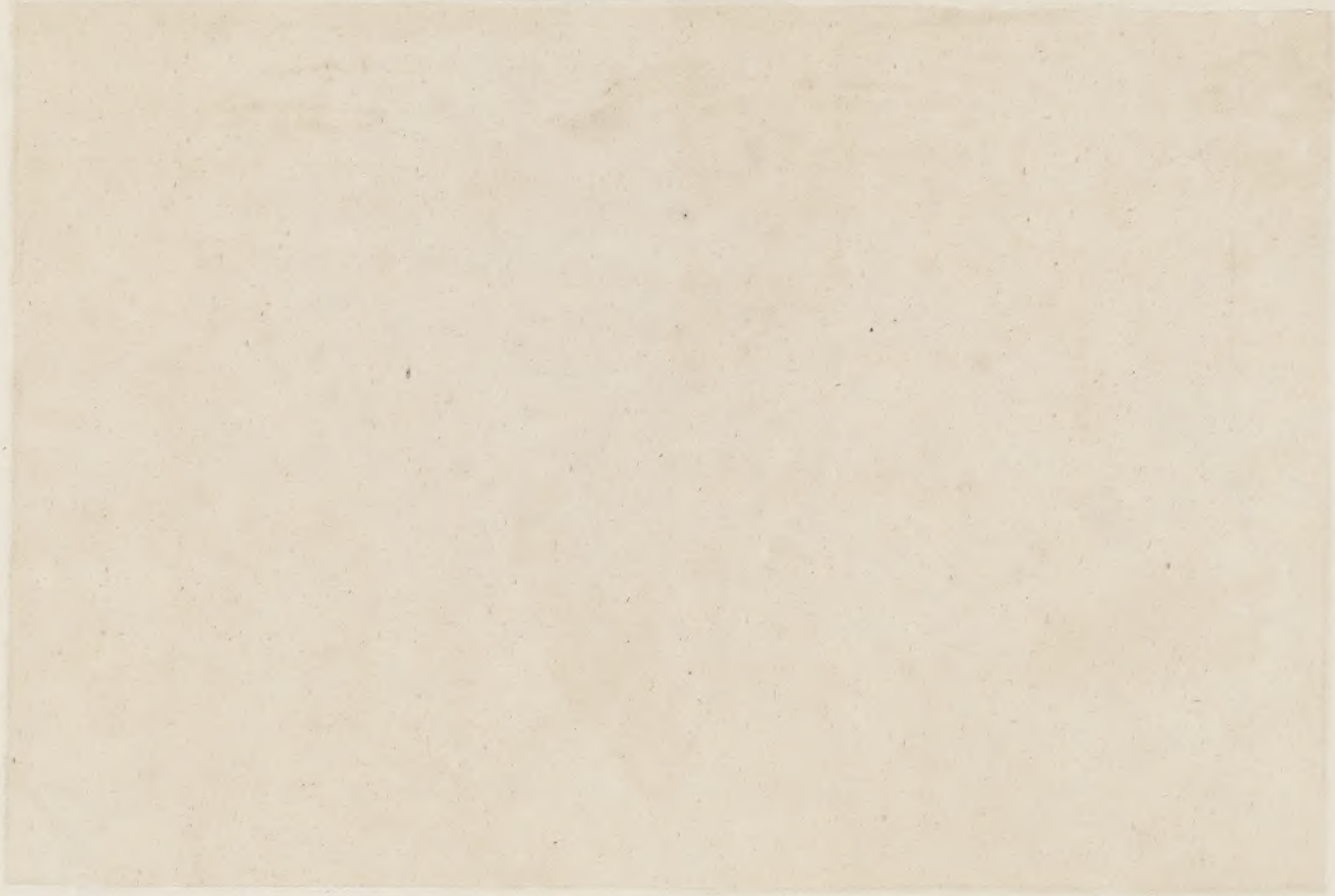

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